

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

DoubleTree by Hilton
720 Las Flores Road
Livermore, CA 94551

MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2012

OHMVR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Eric Lueder, Chair
Brad Franklin, Vice Chair
Breene Kerr
Diane Perez
Kane Silverberg
Paul Slavik
Stan Van Velsor
Gary Willard

OHMVR DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Phil Jenkins, Chief, OHMVR Division
Tim La Franchi, Legal Counsel, OHMVR Division

AGENDA ITEM I

Call To Order – 9:02 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Eight members of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (“Commission”) were present at time of roll call.

AGENDA ITEM II

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Slavik and seconded by Commissioner Willard.
Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Slavik to approve the draft minutes of the December 1, 2011 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM IV

REPORTS

A. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Slavik reported that members of the public have approached him regarding BLM special event permit-issuing process. It appears that the permit process continues to be very difficult. This is making it very difficult for the OHV clubs to get their events approved by Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The OHV clubs are getting very frustrated.

In response to Commissioner Slavik's report, Chair Lueder indicated the issue can be discussed later in the meeting during the BLM report agenda item.

Chair Lueder then reported that he participated in a BLM Resource Advisory Council-Northwest California meeting recently. During the meeting the group toured a non-motorized trail system near Redding California. Chair Lueder commended the BLM on their development of a trail system, with lots of partners, that allows the public to travel on a combination of paved and dirt trails from downtown Redding to Shasta Dam. Also, BLM Redding does a great job managing the Chappie-Shasta OHV area.

B. CHIEF'S REPORTS

1. General Program Update

Division Chief, Phil Jenkins welcomed the Commissioners and public attending the meeting. A slide show was presented detailing the previous days Commission tour of Carnegie SVRA. Chief Jenkins commended the Carnegie SVRA staff for hosting a Commission meeting tour on short notice. Chief Jenkins reported the Commission meeting tour attendance was the largest in his seven years with the Division. The tour covered the park from one end to the other and include adjacent lands owned by State Parks but not open to the public currently.

Chief Jenkins pointed out that the great interpretative programs, conservation efforts and recreational developments at Carnegie SVRA are the result of outstanding work from the park staff and the direction of former Deputy Director, Daphne Greene.

Chief Jenkins then introduced Superintendent Jeff Gaffney to give an update on Hollister Hills SVRA. Superintendent Gaffney reported that at Hollister Hills SVRA there was a multi-year process undertaken to add the Renz and Hudner properties to the park. This process has provided additional motorized recreational resources to the public. Also through this process some lands were identified as suitable for non-motorized recreation. The Hollister Hills SVRA staff have been working closely with San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission and other stakeholders to develop a trail plan for these non-motorized areas. Superintendent Gaffney also reported that an electric charging station has recently been installed at Hollister Hills SVRA for electric motorcycles and cars.

Commissioner Silverberg asked Superintendent Gaffney how the non-motorized trail system would be funded. Superintendent Gaffney indicated the funding has been in partnership with San Benito County. SVRA staff are involved in the project as a trail construction training opportunity. Volunteer labor is also a big part of the project funding.

Commissioner Slavik had a follow-up comment. Commissioner Slavik stated he is supportive of non-motorized recreation activities within the park where appropriate but the people using the facilities should pay their fare share. Superintendent Gaffney indicated that the local community would likely benefit from additional tourism dollars. Chief Jenkins also responded reminding Commissioner Slavik that these lands were not available for motorized recreation and certainly a fee-area would be appropriate for the new non-motorized trail area.

Commissioner Kerr supported the concept and encouraged the collection of entrance fees to support park operations. Also it would develop broader community support for the SVRA.

Chair Lueder asked Superintendent Gaffney if the federally funded Recreational Trails Program could assist project funding. Superintendent Gaffney indicated yes and the non-profit organization was exploring that option. Chair Lueder then asked Superintendent Gaffney if the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) was involved. Superintendent Gaffney indicated yes, IMBA had participated in outreach meetings, specifically through a local Hollister Bike Shop, "Off the Chain".

Chief Jenkins continued with his report. At Hungry Valley SVRA, the television show "Off-Road Overhaul" was being taped. At Ocotillo Wells SVRA a new interpretative geo-caching program was recently released; Geology Days Festival. Approximately 500 people participated in field trips and visited information booths. At Prairie City SVRA 4x4 obstacle course area improvements are nearing completion. Also at Prairie City SVRA the Recreational Off-Highway

Vehicle Association (ROVA) is developing a safety training course for side-by-side OHVs.

Commissioner Franklin added he is involved with ROVA and appreciated the hospitality of Prairie City SVRA. ROVA is in the forefront of developing a safety training course for side-by-side OHVs. The course involves both on-line education and hands-on training. The training course is expected to be rolled out to the public April 1.

Commissioner Perez asked if the ROVA training was tailored for adults or children. Commissioner Franklin responded the training is tailored for adults, the intended operators of these vehicles. Commissioner Perez followed up, indicating that she was aware that children are operating these side-by-side vehicles.

Commissioner Kerr asked if State Parks requires visitors to have a drivers license to operate side-by-side OHVs at the SVRAs. Chief Jenkins indicated the California Vehicle Code (CVC) considers the side-by-side OHVs to be green sticker vehicles that do not require drivers license to operate. The CVC does require the vehicle operators to be able to reach and operate all controls.

Commissioner Kerr then requested an update on the Hangtown Motocross event held annually at Prairie City SVRA. Chief Jenkins requested to have that item discussed at a subsequent meeting. Chair Lueder agreed and asked Chief Jenkins to continue.

Chief Jenkins then discussed Ocotillo Wells SVRA. The Commissioners recently received a letter regarding Ocotillo Wells SVRA compliance with the Public Resources Code (PRC). The letter writer contended that the open riding areas at Ocotillo Wells SVRA violated the PRC. Chief Jenkins explained that the PRC section in question does mention both "areas and trails" and the Division needs to maintain both open areas and trails in compliance with soil and habitat requirements.

Commissioner Van Velsor referenced the soil standard that requires OHV recreation facilities shall be maintained for sustainable long-term prescribed use without generating soil loss that exceeds restorability and without causing erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the facility. Commissioner Van Velsor then discussed the desert environment at Ocotillo Wells, once impacted, does not recover well for decades. The lack of vegetation and precipitation make restoration efforts very difficult. Commissioner Van Velsor thought the letter writer's position was when a new trail is created; the desert resource is already damaged beyond restorability. Commissioner Van Velsor indicated the desert is a difficult environment to manage and it goes beyond the ability of us to maintain the area within the soil standard guidelines.

Commissioner Van Velsor recommended we more closely examine compliance with PRC and Soil Standard.

Chief Jenkins requested to hold that discussion item for a Ocotillo Wells General Plan meeting. Chief Jenkins indicated the Division is struggling with those issues daily out in the desert. We have engaged with UC Davis to review our habitat monitoring program. The Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan is ahead of the Carnegie SVRA General Plan so in the near future we will be having a Commission meeting at Ocotillo Wells SVRA. That meeting will involve a tour of the desert that will examine the letter-writers issues.

Commissioner Van Velsor agreed a Commission visit to Ocotillo Wells SVRA would be a good idea.

Commissioner Willard suggested a response letter from the Commission. Chair Lueder agreed.

Chief Jenkins then reported on the Division-wide Natural Resource Program. An ongoing update of the division's habitat management system (HMS) is being managed by UC Davis. Recently Division environmental science staff made a presentation at the Marconi Conference Center on the program update. It was very well received. The main presenter was a Division environmental scientist Doug Rischbieter.

Commissioner Van Velsor requested a similar presentation be given at a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kerr mentioned that the Commission had seen some of the HMS work at an earlier Commission meeting. The meeting at Oceano Dunes SVRA where Doug Rischbieter works.

Commissioner Van Velsor recommended the Commission receive a more detailed report on this important subject.

Chief Jenkins supported having the UC Davis personnel working on the HMS give a report at a future Commission meeting.

Chief Jenkins then reported on the conclusion of a lawsuit regarding the Division Over the Snow Vehicle (OSV) grooming program. Two years ago the Division conducted a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the entire OSV program. That resulted in a lawsuit from some people who believed the EIR was deficient. Two weeks ago that action was concluded and the court found that on every count State Parks had conducted the EIR appropriately.

Chief Jenkins then reported that the non-resident OHV permits are now available for purchase online. The non-resident OHV permits allow visitors from other states to operate OHV's in California. Previously visitors to California had to purchase non-resident permits from a list of vendors. Now they non-resident permits can also be purchased online from the OHMVR Division website and mailed to the recipient.

Chief Jenkins then reported that 2012 is the 40th anniversary of the California OHV program. Chair Lueder appointed a subcommittee of Commissioners Slavik and Franklin to be part of the 40th anniversary work group.

Chief Jenkins then reported the sad news that National Parks Service Park Ranger Margaret Anderson had been killed in the line of duty at Mt. Rainer National Park on New Year's Day. Thanks to fundraising efforts of OHV constituents, State Park Peace Officers were able to attend and show our support at the memorial service.

Chief Jenkins then reported further sad news. Ethan Hadley, a life guard at Oceano Dunes was injured in a non-work related accident. Ethan was helping a friend clear trees and was injured by a falling tree. Ethan was in a coma for a number of days. A website has been created for donations to cover medical costs.

Commissioner Kerr asked if the buildings under construction at Heber Dunes SVRA are LEED certified. Chief Jenkins responded that the buildings were following many of the LEED standards. And that a more definitive report could be prepared for a subsequent meeting.

2. General Plan Update

Chief Jenkins introduced staff member Dan Canfield. Mr. Canfield reported that several of the SVRA are in the process of initiating or updating their Park General Plans. A list was provided to the Commission and public identifying the status. Mr. Canfield reported on some recent activity. For Clay Pit SVRA, the General Plan was out for public review and comment. The public review period runs through March 24. For Ocotillo Wells SVRA public workshops were recently held. A video was shown supporting the Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan efforts.

Commissioner Willard asked which General Plans would be coming soon to a Commission meeting. Mr. Canfield reported that Clay Pit SVRA General Plan would be presented at a meeting later in 2012. Ocotillo Wells SVRA and Carnegie SVRA would be following in that order at later meetings.

Commissioner Kerr urged that the General Plans be expedited. Commissioner Willard agreed but recognized the complexity of the documents require time to develop. Chair Lueder asked if the video was available online. Mr. Canfield responded yes, at planocotillowells.com.

3. Grants Program Update

Staff member Kelly Long provided an update on the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program. Mr. Long reported that the Grants Program had \$21 million available this year, down from \$26 million the last couple of years. The \$21 million is divided among categories; 50% Operations and Maintenance, 25% Restoration, 20% Law Enforcement, 5% Education and Safety. The Grants Program regulations were updated and approved by the Office of Administrative Law on December 20th. Grant workshops were conducted in Ontario and Sacramento California. Approximately 200 people attended the workshops. Preliminary grant applications are due March 5th.

Chair Lueder asked if the Restoration category received an additional \$1.1 million like previous years. Mr. Long responded yes.

4. Budget Update

Division Administrative Chief Maria Mowrey provided a budget update. A Fund Condition Statement (FCS) was provided to the Commission and public. The proposed 2012/2013 budget FCS identifies revenues and expenditures for the OHV Trust Fund. Actual for 2010, estimates for 2011 (current year) and proposed budget for 2012. The begging balance has declined over those years from \$140 million to \$67 million. Beginning in 2011, \$10 million in fuel taxes were diverted from the OHV Trust Fund to the General Fund. That \$10 million reduction is represented on the FCS under expenditures; \$5 million from local assistance (Grants Program) and \$5 million from Division operations. Total fund balance dropping from \$131 million to \$42 million.

Chair Lueder asked how the cuts were impacting the Division operations. Ms. Mowrey indicated for 2012/2013 fiscal year the Division is cutting costs; 20% at headquarters and 10% at the SVRAs. Chief Jenkins commented that the intent was to guarantee as much as possible the on the ground services were provided while cutting administrative costs.

Commissioner Van Velsor asked if staff will be cut. Chief Jenkins responded that the plan is to first cut vacant positions.

Commissioner Kerr asked if the ongoing capital outlay projects are represented at Carnegie SVRA. Chief Jenkins responded that current road rehabilitation efforts at Carnegie are ongoing. Superintendent Williamson added that Corral Hollow restoration projects are currently underway.

Commissioner Willard expressed concern over the decline in funding.

Commissioner Kerr asked what the Division operating expenses were. Ms. Mowrey responded operating expenses are identified as State Operations on the FCS.

Commissioner Kerr asked how much of the funding has to go to grants. Chief Jenkins responded the requirement is no more than half of the program funding can go into grants. No minimum amount is required. Commissioner Willard acknowledged the importance of the grants program the overall state-wide OHV program. Commissioner Kerr identified the importance of continued capital outlay projects.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Diane Mead, CORVA
- Dean Stanford
- Kevin Abernathy
- Tom Tammone
- Dave Pickett, AMA District 36
- Karen Schaumbach, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
- Bruce Brazil, California Enduro Riders Association
- Troy Scott

Chair Lueder concluded the public comment period.

Commissioner Kerr requested an emergency item to discuss the issue of quorum at future meetings. Mr. La Franchi responded that the quorum requirements are set by law and cannot be changed by Commission action.

B. CHIEF'S REPORTS (continued)

5. Legislative Update

Staff member Tricia Gill provided an update on pending legislation. Ms. Gill summarized State and federal bills;

- AB 1589 regarding State Park closures,
- SB 825 regarding State Parks funding,
- SB 974 regarding State Park closure list,
- SB 1078 regarding State Parks funding, and
- HR 1996 regarding Government litigation costs.

Due to a schedule conflict the Commission moved ahead in the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM V

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Central California Water Quality Control Board and Carnegie SVRA

Pamela Creedon, executive officer of the Central California Water Quality Control Board (CCWQCB), addressed the Commission. Ms. Creedon identified her agencies regulatory control over water quality protection in the Central Valley. The CCWQCB was involved with Carnegie SVRA as the result of a lawsuit against State Parks. A court order was going to potentially close Carnegie SVRA. CCWQCB was able to work collaboratively with Carnegie SVAR staff to develop

a workable solution and implement a water quality control program. This allowed the park to continue operations. Due to administrative problems high lighted by the Carnegie lawsuit, CCWQCB was not able to add new permittees under the existing storm water management program. In absence of that program, a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) was the logical way to proceed. The CAO basically directs State Parks to do exactly what you were going to be asked to do under our permit. The CAO went out for public comment and Ms. Creedon signed it on February 23rd. The CCWQCB will continue to work with State Parks to implement the program. In the future when the permit program is active again we can enroll State Parks and rescind the CAO. Ms. Creedon categorized the CAO as a friendly enforcement action. Ms. Creedon indicated the CCWQCB was regulating agriculture now, dairies, timber harvest and other non-point sources.

Chair Lueder asked Ms. Creedon the timeline on reestablishing the permit process. Ms. Creedon responded six months is the estimate.

Chair Lueder commented he was concerned the CAO will be portrayed negatively in the press. Ms. Creedon responded the CAO will protect the future of the park. Ms. Creedon offered to work with the Commission and staff to create a press release.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the Water Board item.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Dave Duffin
- Don Amador, Blue Ribbon Coalition
- Dave Pickett, AMA District 36
- Jerry Fouts
- Mark Connelly
- Tom Tammone
- Amy Granat
- Pete Krunich
- Kevin Abernathy

Chair Lueder concluded public comment and asked Ms. Creedon to respond.

Ms. Creedon responded that the CCWQCB does investigate and regulate cattle pasturelands. Also Lawrence Livermore Labs is covered under a General Stormwater Order. Ms. Creedon also indicated it would behoove us to work together to get a permit in place to cover all your parks as soon as possible. The permit issue is a priority for the State Board. The CAO will suffice in the meantime.

Commissioner Van Velsor asked if there were problem spots identified in the park where cleanup activities could be prioritized. Ms. Creedon responded the Storm Water Management Plan that covers that issue.

Chair Lueder asked if the Water Quality Board was under the Resources Agency. Ms. Creedon responded the Water Board is under the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Commissioner Willard suggested the Commission Chair with staff assistance send a comment letter to the Water Board. Ms. Creedon commented that the comment period is over but a letter to the Water Board asking them to expedite the permit process would be appropriate.

Commissioner Kerr suggested we pursue the joint press release.

Chair Lueder suggested a letter in response to the CAO and then a joint press release.

Commissioner Willard made a motion for the Chair to coordinate with staff to draft a letter to the Water Board. Commissioner Kerr added the press release.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kerr.

Commissioner Van Velsor discussed his caution in approving a letter he has not seen and that it seems we are comfortable with the Water Board actions. Commissioner Silverberg commented that the Commission may be aware of the situation but it is important for the public to understand to avoid ambiguity later. Commissioner Slavik added the letter has value to the State Water Board, raising the importance of the permit issue.

Chair Lueder called for a vote. Motion Carried. Commissioner Van Velsor abstained.

B. CHIEF'S REPORTS (continued)

6. Public Safety Update

Staff member Supervising Ranger Kevin Pearce gave a presentation on the Divisions OHV Law Enforcement Training Program. The program involves an interactive audience participation component developed by Supervising Ranger Tim Guardino. Supervising Ranger Pearce demonstrated the training program with Commission and audience participation. The program includes a pre-test allowing the curriculum to be adjusted to target weak areas identified in the pre-test. Supervising Ranger Pearce reported the first training class was conducted February 25th at Clear Creek and the next training is scheduled April 18th at Prairie City SVRA.

Chief Jenkins added the importance of the training program to achieve uniform OHV enforcement statewide.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the Chief's Report.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Tom Tammone

C. BLM Report

Jim Keeler, California State BLM OHV Coordinator reported.

California Desert District

DRECP is this big amorphous conglomeration between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), both who have mandates to fast track renewable-energy projects especially in the California Desert. The BLM is trying to lay out a map of potential sites with minimal conflicts or environmental issues, a huge project with big implications and very short time frames. Currently planning is underway and a public draft document is scheduled to be released around June or July 2012 for the first review.

For the Imperial Sand Dunes Resource Management Plan (RMP) which began in 2008 as a result of litigation we are on a second go-around. We hope to have final plan available for comment later this spring, hopefully before summer.

The California Desert District West Mojave (WEMO) Plan, another one we thought was complete, but as a result of litigation we are reviewing it a second time. We have recently held a series of nine public meetings. We have to complete the entire process by 2014.

The next big issue is the US Marine expansion from 29 Palms. The process began in 2007 to evaluate and withdraw lands from the BLM if necessary, to increase the size of the training facility at 29 Palms. They have crafted six alternatives for the Draft EIS, including a no action alternatives. The preferred alternative if it goes through is one that includes 56 percent of the OHV area permanently closed in Johnson Valley and the other 44 percent would be open 10 months a year, a very drastic reduction from what is currently available. The current schedule for the plan is under the management of the Marines Corps is a release of the draft EIS April 2012 a public protest period and a final decision in July.

In Central California Clear Creek Management Area EIS should be available sometime in April. It should come out as a final draft with a 45-day comment period before it becomes a recorded decision.

Bakersfield Resource Management Plan (RMP) is my last one. The Draft EIS was released last September and closed in December, during that time there were six different public meeting across Central California and received 272 final comments out of the process. We hope to have it done in the next six to eight months.

Commissioner Willard asked about Johnson Valley and the comment period. Mr. Keeler responded, if you have previously made a comment previously, you can comment during the 3 month protest period prior to the Record of Decision. Commission Willard requested a Business Item on the next Commission meeting to discuss comments.

Commissioner Kerr asked if we have a standing as a result of our previous comment. Mr. Keeler confirmed we did have a standing to make additional comments.

Commissioner Slavik commented about the permitting process in the Barstow Office, people were not returning calls; clubs have to jump through a lot of hoops and not have their permits in a timely manner in order to allow their events to happen. Clubs have had to cancel their events this year in order to get their event scheduled next year with the proper permits. Mr. Keeler offered to follow up substantive complaints with the field office staff.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the BLM Report.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Dave Pickett
- Amy Granat
- Tom Tammone

Commissioner Kerr asked if the Division was sending representatives to the alternative energy development meetings. Chief Jenkins responded he or his designee attend the meetings.

D. USFS Report

Ramiro Villalvazo, new Director for Public Services for Pacific Southwest Region of Forest Service introduced himself and gave overview of a number of issues. Travel Management had been recently completed and Vehicle Use Maps produced at Shasta-Trinity National Forest, the Modoc National Forest, Klamath and the Six Rivers National Forest. Wet-weather strategies are being developed with the field staff and a soils scientist, Roger Pough.

A judge vacated aspects of the Trail Management decision on the Eldorado National Forest; which removed some segments of trail from meadow areas and wet crossings. It represents less than five miles, but all tolled will be about a hundred miles of combined trails. As a result the Forest Service is to prepare a Supplemental Environment Impact Statement. Pending litigations: Klamath National Forest and Stanislaus having to do with NEPA sufficiency, concern for wildlife issues. A national litigation that the Washington office was served concerning Subpart C having to do with over-snow travel that is challenging the Forest Service regulation that stipulates that doing Subpart C is voluntarily not mandatory.

Commission Van Velsor asked for more information regarding the wet-weather strategy. Mr. Villalvazo responded that there is need for more consistent and strategic means to determine closures.

Commissioner Willard asked for clarification on the Eldorado trail closure litigation. Mr. Villalvazo responded 5 miles of designated trails resulting in over 100 miles of combined trails effected.

Commissioner Slavik asked if Mr. Villalvazo is now our liaison with the Commission and staff. Mr. Villalvazo responded yes.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the USFS Report.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Dave Pickett
- Diane Mead
- Amy Granat

E. CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA (SVRA)

District Superintendent Bob Williamson introduced park staff for overview of Carnegie.

State Park Interpreter Elise McFarland offered detailed historical look at the area in and around Carnegie. From the California's native people, to Spanish explorers through the gold rush and the Carnegie Brick and Pottery Company to the 1930s and '40s when people started dirt-bike riding at Carnegie.

State Park Superintendent Ramos provided further details on how off-road use got started in the Carnegie area along with key figures like Roger Decoster who was an early champion of the area, Casey Martinez, who is actually lucky enough to be able to participate in the 2011 X Games in Los Angeles and a youngster, Petey Krunich, who has become a professional rider. Further details

provided about facilities offered at Carnegie to include campsites, shade ramadas, two kids' tracks, a beginners' riders' area, special-event hill-climb area, combination quad and motocross track or MX track, the adult MX track, a four-wheel drive play area, and a trials area, in addition to 170 miles of trails.

Ms. Jennifer Buckingham, the Twin Cities District's Services Manager provided extensive information about Resource Management Programs to include; California Archeological Site Stewardship Program, also known as CASSP, Annual Species Surveys under the Habitat Monitoring System Program and Computer Asset Management Program, known as CAM. Discussed BMP and water quality monitoring as a huge part of Stormwater Management Plan.

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the Carnegie SVRA Report.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Tyler Lupica
- Kory Lupica
- Jerry Fouts
- Dave Duffin
- Pete Krunich
- Mark Connelly
- Dave Pickett
- Karen Schaumbach
- Tom Tammone
- Amy Granat
- Brooks Simes

Chair Lueder continued agenda items V(B) and V(C)(1) to a later meeting.

AGENDA ITEM V

BUSINESS ITEMS

C.(2) S. 1813 (Boxer) Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

Staff member Dan Canfield reported the federal program that makes the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) possible actually expired September of 2009. The United States Congress is currently debating whether or not the RTP is going to exist in the future. Bill S 1813 is working to re-authorize the Federal Surface Transportation Program. As introduced, this bill does not include specific funding for the RTP. In the United States House of Representatives, Bill HR 7 also addresses re-authorizing the Surface Transportation Program. This bill does include specific funding for the RTP at that 2009 level. The difference between these bills is going to be worked out in congress in conference committees.

Chair Lueder commented the way 1813 is written, the RTP Program is still in that bill; however, it's not specifically funded.

Commissioner Slavik commented this bill is that one of those things that the non-motorized community and the motorized community can come together on, especially when they get 70 percent of the action. And what we're talking about here is writing a letter to support to congress from this Commission? Is that the action we're talking about?

Chair Lueder opened the meeting to public comment on the item.

Public Comment

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

- Tom Tammone

Chair Lueder suggested that as a Commission we send a letter to Senator Boxer urging that funding be specifically restored for the RTP Program since it is an important program for not only OHV but also non-motorized.

Commissioner Kerr mad a motion to write the letter copying all of our federal representatives as well as the Resource Secretary and making him aware of our concerns.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willard.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM V

BUSINESS ITEMS

D. Election of Officers

Chair Lueder indicated at the first meeting of each year, the Commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair to serve for one term for a maximum of two terms consecutively. So do I hear any nominations for chair?

Commissioner Willard nominated Eric Lueder.

Seconded by Commissioner Slavik

Nomination passed. Chair Lueder abstained.

Chair Lueder asked, do I hear nominations for vice chair?

Commissioner Silverberg nominated Brad Franklin.

Seconded by Commissioner Willard.

Nomination passed. Commissioner Franklin abstained.

Commissioner Kerr made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Slavik.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 5:08 pm.
(Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.)